

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 6, 2004

(Approved July 21, 2004)

Members Present: Earl Sweeney, Edward Murdough, Karen Schlitzer, Scott Weden, David Duquette (Chairman), Stephen Carrier, Al Burbank, John Hoglund, Richard Mason.

Members Absent: Ronald O'Keefe, Roger Hatfield, Peter Russell, Joseph Butts, Corey Landry.

Others Present: Division of Fire Standards & Training Staff--Bruce McPherson, Bureau Chief; Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Eric Wilking, Captain; Timothy Robinson, Program Coordinator. Also—Nancy Carney, Fitzwilliam Fire Department and; Marta Modigliani, Hearings Officer, NH Department of Safety.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGE

Marta Modigliani opened the public hearing at 3:15 p.m. for the proposed administrative rule change, which consists of:

Fire 702.01 Physical Ability Test. The candidate shall pass a physical ability test, as set forth in the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness/Fitness Initiative's "Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)", 1999 edition. The physical ability test shall be good for 26 months from the time the candidate successfully completes the CPAT.

Fire 702.02 Acrophobia Test. An acrophobia test shall be administered in which the candidate, without stopping for more than 30 seconds, shall climb up and down an unsupported aerial ladder at an angle of at least 65 degrees but not more than 75 degrees for a distance of ~~60~~ 100 feet as measured from the tip of the ladder to the ground.

Attorney Modigliani kept this public hearing open until 3:45 p.m. with no input from the public, the Commission membership, or the staff.

II. CURRICULUM CHANGE

Chair Duquette opened the public hearing for the proposed curriculum change for Firefighter I and Firefighter II (see attachment). After minimal discussion amongst the Commission members and the staff, and no public input:

MOTION: To approve the Firefighter I & II proposed curriculum. Motion by Commissioner Sweeney, seconded by Commissioner Burbank. Passed unanimously.

III. ACADEMY AWARDS

Chair Duquette asked for a report of the Academy Awards Committee. Upon the request of Committee Chair Weden, Director Mason read the honorees for the November 4, 2004 ceremony: George Roussos (lobbyist for Domestic Insurers), Donald P. Bliss (retired State Fire Marshal, past President NH Association of Fire Chiefs), Stephen J. Judge (Commission member for 16 years representing Department of Justice, legal counsel for several issues), Brian J. Thibeault (Commission member six years, Vice-Chair for three, instrumental in the Certified Career Firefighter program). Posthumously honoring Robert W. Fitz, Sr. and Richard S. Rand.

The Committee discussed the initiation of a new award known as: New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission "Award of Excellence" for an organization or an individual who has served the New Hampshire Fire Service with distinction, whether training related or otherwise. The first honoree to be Colonel Fred Booth, New Hampshire State Police, who has diligently worked to assure all fire apparatus and EMS vehicles in New Hampshire were equipped with interoperable radios. This initiative also includes portable radios.

MOTION: To approve the proposed New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission "Award of Excellence" as presented. Motion by Commissioner Weden, seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, and passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Burbank, seconded by Commissioner Carrier, to adjourn at 3:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

V. CURRICULUM CHANGE (7:00 P.M.)

Chair Duquette and Director Mason were present for the proposed curriculum change public hearing 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with no attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Mason, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Summary of Changes – FF I & II Curriculum